SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #44

27 October - 02 November 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,640

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March at the early onset of the crisis

4,015

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

18,127

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

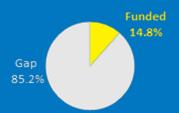
9,138

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-December 2015)



HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a commercial boat carrying five individuals (one family of Yemeni nationals) reached the port of Berbera in Somaliland, on 28 October 2015.
- A total of 181 Somali returnees from Yemen (39 households) have reached South Central regions of Somalia through Berbera and Bossaso in the reporting period. 127 individuals (26 families) arrived in Mogadishu, 45 individuals (11 families) arrived in Baidoa, and nine individuals (two families) arrived in Luuq.





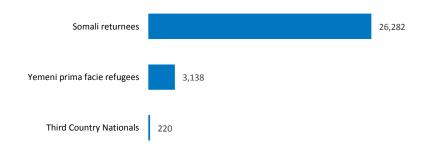




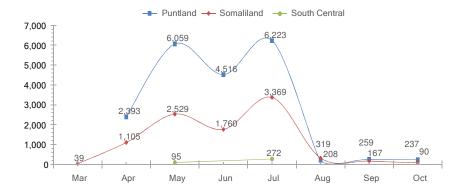
Verification exercise for prima facie Yemeni refugees in Hargeisa, © UNHCR/H. Ochen, October 2015

Population of concern

A total of 29,640 people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



Month	Total # of Arrivals
March	39
April	3,498
May	8,683
June	6,276
July	9,864
August	527
September	426
October	327
	29,640

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

	Arrived to				
Nationality	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central	Total	
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	68	109		177	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	18,188	7,727	367	26,282	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		11		11	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,617	1,521		3,138	11 %
Total	19,895	9,378	367	29,640	100 %
	67.12 %	31.64 %	1.24 %		

	Arrived to				
G/A	PL	SL	SC	Total	
Children	8,336	4,423	23	12,782	43 %
Females	6,018	2,531	123	8,672	30 %
Males	5,398	2,424	112	7,934	27 %
Total	19,752	9,378	258	29,388	100 %
	67.21 %	31.91 %	0.88 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

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Areas of Intended Return	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central	Total	
Mogadishu	4,740	5,030	0	9,770	54 %
Hargeisa	337	1,736	0	2,073	11 %
Bossaso	674	247	0	921	5 %
Baidoa	399	156	0	555	3 %
Kismayo	361	186	0	547	3 %
Afgooye	228	124	0	352	2 %
Other locations	2,005	1,842	62	3,909	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,744	9,321	62	18,127	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements



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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR Bossaso registered 18 Yemeni refugees (six families) and verified with biometrics system 45
 Yemeni individuals (13 families). At total of 1,890 Yemeni refugees (737 families) were registered by UNHCR Bossaso in proGres
 as of 2 November 2015.
- The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) assisted 53 Somali returnees from Yemen with restoring family links (RFL) phone calls
 during the reporting period and assisted seven vulnerable returnees with psychosocial support.
- Save the Children International (SCI) provided a structured psychosocial support session for 32 youths (14 boys and 18 girls) on two occasions during the reporting period.
- Tadamun Social Society (TASS), with the support of UNICEF, provided psychosocial and material support for three separated
 returnee children that were reunited with their families through identification documentation and reunification (IDTR) support.

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Achievements and Impact

- The Yemeni family of five that arrived in Berbera on 28 October had departed from Al Hayma port at 8:00 am on 27 October 2015 and reached Somaliland coast line at 9:00 am on 28 October. The vessel was able to dock at Berbera port at 10:00 am on the same day. Most of new arrivals are from Al Hayma and decided to flee Yemen due to ongoing conflict and difficulties in access basic services. The journey from Al Hayma to Berbera was free of charge for this vulnerable family and they were given water and food during their sea travel, but the family has reported sickness due to poor quality of food.
- The family has been transported to Berbera reception centre and departed immediately after being registered and receiving one meal and water (lunch).
- A total of eight Yemeni refugees (two cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (MRRR). A total of 2,125 Yemeni prima facie refugees (1,056 cases) are registered with UNHCR Hargeisa as of November 2015, including 62 Yemeni refugees (23 cases) who have been transferred from UNHCR Bossaso to UNHCR Hargeisa.
- UNICEF continued to provide children and women with psychosocial support and vulnerability assessments on their arrival at Berbera reception centre. During the reporting period, new arrivals were supported with psychosocial support (one women, two girls and two boys) including the provision of play material for children, and a pregnant women was referred for medical services.



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Achievements and Impact

- In Bossaso, UNICEF through its partner TASS supported two children with emergency medical support (one girl and one boy) and six with nutrition support (three girls and three boys).
- SRCS provided first aid for seven returnees and SCI provided emergency medical referral services for nine persons during the reporting period.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- The World Food Programme (WFP) continued to provide hot meals three times a day to those in Bossaso reception centre.
- SCI provided ready to drink milk and biscuits for children and their mothers, and TASS, with the support of UNICEF, provided milk
 and porridge to a mother and six children at Bossaso reception centre.



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Achievements and Impact

- SRCS provided five volunteers for hygiene and sanitation improvement at Bossaso reception centre during the reporting period
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided sanitary pads to 65 individuals at Bossaso reception centre. Each person was given two sanitary packets containing 10 sanitary pads each.



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Achievements and Impact

The Yemeni family that arrived in Berbera on 28 October arranged their own transportation to Hargeisa as they were not in need
of onward transportation assistance.

Working in partnership

- The Regional Inter Cluster Coordination Group Meeting (ICCGM) was held in Hargeisa to discuss and take action on the impact of drought reported in different regions of Somaliland. The meeting was also the opportunity to discuss the "de-clusterization" process. UNOCHA informed the cluster leaders that the alignment of the clusters and sectors has started and will be the modus operandi starting from January 2016. All agencies are strongly encouraged to participate in the relevant sectors where humanitarian and development issues will be discussed. UNOCHA however informed that the ICCGM will remain the only operational cluster working group. In addition to that, it was mentioned that the concept of "cluster" will remain and will be activated in case of any emergency.
- UNHCR's partners have provided the overall statistics on the number of Yemeni refugees and Somali returnees from Yemen that
 have received assistance in Hargeisa and Berbera since April up to September 2015, and a total of 26,658 persons of concern
 have been supported with a variety of interventions, including cash assistance, Core Relief Items, medical, psychosocial, legal
 assistance, registration, family reunification, livelihoods, etc.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at http://goo.gl/pVH7da. Total funding received to date is USD 9.5 M (approximately 14.8 % of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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